

Report of D. Thompson

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Re: Mrs. Easton.

I interviewed ex-Senator Harry D. Leavitt of 214 Park Side Avenue, Trenton, N.J. Mr. Leavitt is connected with the Crossley Machine Company, East State and Monmouth Streets, and also with the Mechanics National Bank, West State and Warren Streets, at which place I met him.

The Senator told me in substance the same as set forth in the Van Horne letter of August 17, 1926. He said that he based his statement solely upon a conversation which he had previously had with former Captain of Police John Clancey, none of the facts being within his personal knowledge.

He then introduced me to John Clancey, who resides at 115 Woodside Street, Trenton; is retired from the Police Department and is now employed as a special officer at the Mechanics National Bank. Clancey's story in substance is as follows:

Lewella Marshall, a niece of Judge Marshall, was found dead on the Pennington Road, near the Odd Fellows Home on the outskirts of Trenton and he was conducting an investigation to determine the cause. One day Chief Crossley, now deceased, brought Mrs. Easton into his office and told him that she claimed to have some information. Clancey says as he recalls, he questioned the woman and she told a story about having heard some people who were living in the floor above her say certain things which had lead her to believe that they were involved in the murder of Miss Marshall. Whether she voluntarily came to Chief Crossley's office he cannot say, nor does he remember whether he took a written statement from her. He also saw her a